

Laura Green. 26 Oct. 1838.

My dear Son,

I send a copy of the following paragraphs from the Newspapers, as perhaps you have neither seen nor heard of it.

"Mr. Stephenson, the celebrated rail-road engineer, has been engaged by the Florence and Leghorn Railroad Company to make the requisite surveys and plans for that line. Two English engineers have already arrived at Florence to commence the preliminary works."

Now an inquiry into this may lead to great good. Your present acquaintances, and knowledge of the language and of the people, may well be considered more than equivalent to a premium. Thus also you would be introduced into the practical part of engineering. Many

questions are to be solved: Is the Florence
Company English or American? Is Mr
Stevenson in London? Is the railroad
decided on? or is it merely a thought?

Were you ever to make yourself useful
in Italy as an engineer, a large field
would be open to you. The next rail-roads
would be from Leghorn to Rome, from
Rome to Naples, and from Milan to
several parts of Lombardy.

In my haste to send this I forgot that
this is Friday, our no-post day.

It is advertised that the Brunswick will
take her last trip, for the season, from Plymouth
to Portsmouth, on Thursday, 15th Nov^r. I
tell you this, though I do not wish you should
come by her during this the most stormy
season of the year. An outside place of coach
would be but a few shillings dearer.

Remember me to all the Richards's, and
to M^{rs} Staples, (nata Richards). Should you see
M^r Stephenson you can very honestly tell
him you are perfect in the knowledge of
the colloquial idioms (which I am not)
among the working classes of Yorkshire;
this would be a great advantage. Make
known to him also your acquisitions in
mathematical pursuits, and in the
theory of engineering. Should he not
be in London, learn, if possible, his
address; you can then write to him,
or I can. In fact do every thing in your
power to obtain a situation, for which
you seem peculiarly eligible.

The interest that is making for you
in a public Office may be sincere, but
beware of being led on from week to week
in hope, to be disappointed at last.

Your affectionate father,
Chas. Brooker.

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Charles P. P.

Charles Brown and Stephen

From the ...

Mr. Paul ...

At Mr. J. ...

10 Northumberland Street

Grand

London

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My dear friend,
I have just received your letter of the 1st. I am very glad to hear from you and to hear that you are well. I am also glad to hear that you are interested in the cause of the oppressed.

I am sure that your efforts will be successful. I am sure that you will be able to do much for the cause of the oppressed. I am sure that you will be able to do much for the cause of the oppressed. I am sure that you will be able to do much for the cause of the oppressed.

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